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METHOD FOR INHIBITING THE DEGRADATION OF BRAIN NATRIURETIC PEPTIDES (as
Invention: amended)

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action (NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE) dated January 25, 2006, the following amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This response includes:

Amendment to the specification; and
Remarks.